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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 10-145386, published May 29, 1998.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 10-150449, published June 2, 1998.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 8-125661, published May 17, 1996.
4. NTT Technology Journal, Vol. 8, No. 5, (May 1996), pp. 64-66.
5. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 7-264205, published October 13, 1995.
6. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 4-211546, published August 3, 1992.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding Japanese Office Action dated December 21, 1999, and an English translation of the pertinent portions thereof, which cites and indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

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Note (Refer to the List of Cited Literature for Cited Literature.)

Regarding Claims 1, 2, 6, 7
Cited Literature 1~3

(Remarks) In Cited Literature 1 is cited the fact that an ATM switch indicates a UPC parameter to a concentrator. Basing this on a signal channel (M channel) to transceive maintenance signals by remote control is well known as cited in Cited Literature 2. Sending control information to a remote device in the form of a cell is also cited in Cited Literature 3.

Regarding Claims 3~5, 8~10
Cited Literature 1~3

(Remarks) Setting up UPC parameters is cited in Cited Literature 1. Other than that, whatever item is to be set can be determined as necessary.

List of Cited Literature

1. Japan Unexamined Patent Publication No. Hei 10-145386
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Record of Prior Art Literature Search Results

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